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imprisoned Stede Bonnet and other pirates 1718. This building was erected as an Exchange Custom House, 1767. Taxed tea was here stored and forcibly detained, and here the Provincial Congress assembled, setting up the first independent government in America, 1774. Patriotic men and women of the Revolution, during the British occupation of the city, were here incarcerated. The martyr, Isaac Hayne, was led hence to execution, 1781. President George Washington was here entertained by his grateful countrymen, 1791. This tablet was placed by the Sons of the Revolution, in South Carolina, 1899."

The Society celebrates its anniversary on the day of the evacuation of Charleston by the British troops; this event being recognized as an important one in the history of the Revolutionary War.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This Society originated in an accidental meeting in 1855, of several gentlemen, at one of those old homesteads, in the vicinity of Charleston, the name of whose former owner has been long connected with our history. The associations inspired by the occasion, suggested the formation of the present Society. The organization was effected, at a meeting held at the South Carolina Medical College, in Charleston, on June 2nd, 1855, by such well known Carolinians as Professors William J. Rivers and Frederick A. Porcher, Dr. James Moultrie, James L. Petigru, William Henry Trescot, B. R. Carroll, Richard Yeadon, George S. Bryan, Isaac W. Hayne, Dr. Samuel Henry Dickson, Dr. John E. Holbrook, and others. From that time until October, 1899, the organization was kept up by a few students of history, and patriotic citizens who annually contributed a small sum to pay the storage on the Society's collections and incidental expenses. Occasionally there was a meeting, and at some of these meet-

ings papers were read, or addresses delivered. Occasionally there was money enough on hand to publish a paper or address in pamphlet form, and at times the fund was increased by private contributions or loans from members and a volume of original documents was published. In this manner the Society published between 1855 and 1899 five volumes of "Collections," and several pamphlets.

In October, 1899, it was decided to employ a Secretary and Treasurer, who should also perform the duties of Librarian, and open the library for the use of members. It was also decided to publish a quarterly magazine of history and genealogy, and to make efforts to increase the membership to a paying basis. The effort has accomplished wonders. From sixty-three members in October, the number has been increased to over two hundred, and it is hoped that by 1901 the Society will have five hundred members on its roll.

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